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¶1. Editorial in Tegucigalpa-based liberal daily "La Tribuna" on 6/9 entitled "The legacy." "The passing of Ronald Reagan has brought back the controversy of the time of civil war in Central America. Considering where these countries are now, opposed to the crisis they were going through and the bloody battles they had to endure during the lost decade, the American policy toward the region was significant for the region's current political landscape."

"Our present situation could have been much different if we hadn't been influenced by the obstinate determination of President Reagan who, by defending his country's own interests of national security, pushed for the consolidation of the democratic liberties we enjoy today."

Palmer